



Department of Buildings and Inspections  
300 George Street, Harrison, Ohio, 45030  
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## FENCES

### I. WHEN IS A BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED FOR A FENCE?

Permits are required for all fence or fence-type structures.

### II. WHAT CODES/REGULATIONS ARE APPLICABLE?

All work performed must be in accordance with the Harrison Zoning Code, the Harrison Building Code, the Ohio Building Code and all other applicable laws and ordinances.

Contact the following agency:

Zoning Code Administration: 202-8494

### III. HOW DO I OBTAIN A PERMIT?

Complete an application for a permit, and submit four copies of plans for review to the Building Department, 300 George Street, Harrison, OH 45030. A plan processing fee must be paid at the time of application. The plans shall include the following:

#### A. **Plot Plan - Drawn to scale showing:**

1. Property lines (and property dimensions);
2. All existing and proposed structures (for example, fence); and
3. North arrow.

#### B. **Miscellaneous Information:**

1. The maximum height and location of fences vary as follows:  

<b>Front Yards:</b>	Maximum height of thirty-six inches (36") between street right-of-way and building set-back lines. Must be placed three feet (3') from the property line.
<b>Side &amp; Rear Yards:</b>	Maximum height of six feet (6'). Less than twelve feet (12') when surrounding tennis courts.
2. The fence should be structurally adequate and constructed on your property (up to the property line but not beyond).
3. The "good" side of your fence must face away from your property.
4. Section 971.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code states: "No person or corporation shall construct, or cause to be constructed, a partition fence from barbed wire or electrified wire unless written consent of the adjoining owner is first obtained. Such consent is not necessary for the use of one or two barbed wires, provided that neither is less than forty-eight inches from the ground and is placed on the top of a fence other than a barbed-wire fence."
5. Any walls to be constructed as fences will need to be accompanied by detailed construction drawings and will be reviewed by the Building Code Plans Examiner.
6. Security fences of any height may be erected along a side or rear lot line on buffer area line upon approval of the Planning Commission.

**IV. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY FOR MY PERMIT?**

The aforementioned agency will review the application. If the agency has questions or comments, they will contact the person listed on the application. Upon receipt of the necessary approvals, the permit staff will notify the applicant that the permit is ready, and the balance of the permit fee will be due.

**V. WHAT IS REQUIRED AFTER THE PERMIT IS ISSUED?**

All work must be performed in accordance with the Harrison Zoning Code, Harrison Building Code, Ohio Building Code and other applicable ordinances. The permit will expire if work is not started, is postponed, abandoned or an inspection is not requested within one year of the issue date.

**VI. INSPECTIONS REQUIRED (24-hour minimum notice):**

Contact the Department of Buildings and Inspections: 202-8488